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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINED SEASONALLY IN JANUARY TO 388,100 DOWN 3,500 IN THE YEAR

Overall employment trends in January followed traditional patterns with sharp seasonal declines in the Construction, Trade, Services, and Jewelry/ Silverware sectors of the State's economy, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate 388,100 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-January. Employment in January declined by 14,100 compared to December and was 3500 lower than that reported one year ago.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates fo. 980 and 1981 have been revised to a first quarter 1981 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as non-covered establishments, and also reflects changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1980 - 1981. The differences between total employment data previously published for January to December 1981 and the revised data for those months amount to an increase of approximately 0.5 percent.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS DOWN

January employment in nonmanufacturing industries experienced sharp declines due to expected seasonal influences. The most severe cutbacks oc-

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LABOR TURNOVER DATA TO BE DISCONTINUED

This issue of the Employment Bulletin contains the final monthly summation of labor turnover data for Rhode Island. The employer survey (Form DL-1219) from which this information is derived has been discontinued by the U. S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics as a result of Federal budgetary cuts for Fiscal Year 1982.

Mary C. Hackett, Director, and the staff of the Department of Employment Security extend their appreciation to the Rhode Island employer community for their cooperation in participating in the survey.

Please note, however, that the monthly collection of Employment Payroll and Hours data (Form BLS 790) is not being terminated and your continued participation in this survey is requested.

JOB SERVICE — EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Total Placements	908 P	1,157	1,614
New Applications	5,400 P	3,940	5,032
New Openings Received	1,350 P	1,617	2,430

P — Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	% Change from Dec.
Initial Claims	15,304	31,031	— 50.7
No. of Payments	106,594	84,977	+ 25.4
Amt. of Payments	$10,887,821	$8,810,477	+ 23.6
Exhaustions	1,671	1,865	— 10.4

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below: Program triggered "on" effective for week beginning January 24, 1982. First week for which payments could be made was week ending January 30, 1982.

	Jan. 1982
Initial Claims	3,798
No. of Payments	16
Amount of Payments	$1,800

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

ANNUAL AVERAGE — 1981

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	18,847	100.0
Men	10,031	53.2
Under 45	7,268	72.5
45 and over	2,763	27.5
Women	8,816	46.8
Under 45	5,457	61.9
45 and over	3,359	38.1
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	2,057	10.9
Manufacturing	7,928	42.1
Public Utilities	737	3.9
Trade	2,417	12.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	414	2.2
Service	2,872	15.2
All Other	2,422	12.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,388	12.7
Clerical and Sales	3,127	16.6
Service	1,542	8.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	389	2.0
Processing	886	4.7
Machine Trades	1,979	10.5
Bench Work	2,994	15.9
Structural Work	2,536	13.4
Miscellaneous	2,201	11.7
Not Available	805	4.3

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	468.9	467.4	461.2
Unemployment	36.8	31.1	28.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	6.7	6.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	8.3	7.7	6.5

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	30,560	30,695	29,905
Unemployment	1,955	1,630	1,730
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	5.3	5.8

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	14,225	14,390	13,735
Unemployment	1,115	1,030	860
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.2	6.3

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Net Change From Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981	Weekly Hours Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981	Hourly Earning Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.9	123.0	126.8	— 3100	— 6900	$241.02	$233.05	37.6	39.5	$6.41	$5.90
DURABLE GOODS	52.7	53.0	56.4	— 300	— 3700	271.81	266.83	38.5	40.8	7.06	6.54
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.3	0	+ 400	228.15	206.28	36.1	38.2	6.32	5.40
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.3	2.2	2.7	+ 100	— 400	321.44	305.88	39.2	42.9	8.20	7.13
PRIMARY METALS	7.3†	7.1†	8.2	+ 200	— 900	302.73	291.89	41.3	44.7	7.33	6.53
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.8	9.4	— 200	+ 200	226.31	222.22	37.1	37.6	6.10	5.91
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.8†	7.1†	9.3	— 300	— 2500	316.52	312.33	38.6	41.7	8.20	7.49
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	— 100	221.96	215.84	35.8	37.8	6.20	5.71
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.8	7.9	8.3	— 100	— 500	328.05	309.33	40.5	42.2	8.10	7.33
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 100	261.46	252.47	39.2	41.8	6.67	6.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	67.2	70.0	70.4	— 2800	— 3200	218.45	208.05	36.9	38.6	5.92	5.39
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	— 200	201.12	214.02	36.7	34.8	5.48	6.15
TEXTILES	11.8	12.0	12.0	— 200	— 200	232.23	219.98	40.6	41.9	5.72	5.25
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	— 400	207.31	210.25	37.9	41.8	5.47	5.03
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.7	2.8	— 200	— 300	235.35	222.72	38.9	39.7	6.05	5.61
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.7	5.7	+ 100	+ 100	275.06	287.04	33.1	39.0	8.31	7.36
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	303.69	299.02	38.2	39.5	7.95	7.57
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0	276.75	233.16	41.0	40.2	6.75	5.80
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.3	5.2	— 100	0	248.46	234.99	39.5	40.1	6.29	5.86
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.5	3.0	3.0	— 500	— 500	157.51	154.82	33.3	36.6	4.73	4.23
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.0	24.9	24.7	— 1900	— 1700	185.30	176.78	34.7	36.3	5.34	4.87
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0	220.83	196.70	36.5	37.9	6.05	5.19

1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12th OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

† LABOR DISPUTE

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
DECEMBER 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	NEW HIRES Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	QUITS Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	LAY-OFF RATES Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
MANUFACTURING	1.9	2.6	2.4	1.1	1.9	1.6	7.9	4.1	5.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	6.3	2.2	3.6
DURABLE GOODS	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.2	4.9	3.6	3.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	3.4	2.3	2.4
Primary Metals	2.6	1.5	1.7	1.4	0.6	1.1	3.4	2.3	3.0	0.2	0.4	1.0	2.4	1.7	1.5
Fabricated Metals	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.7	0.9	1.2	5.3	2.6	2.1	0.9	0.8	0.9	3.5	1.5	0.5
Non-Elec. Mach.	0.9	1.7	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	8.5	2.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	7.9	2.1	0.2
Electrical Mach.	2.3	1.7	2.7	1.5	1.3	1.7	8.0	4.3	8.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	5.2	2.6	5.9
Instruments-Optical	1.7	1.1	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	2.0	5.2	1.9	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.3	3.2	0.6
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.9	3.7	4.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	2.4	3.7
NONDUR. GOODS	2.0	3.4	3.0	1.1	2.5	1.9	10.2	4.4	7.3	0.9	1.4	1.8	8.6	2.2	4.5
Food-Beverage	1.8	4.3	2.5	1.6	4.1	1.5	2.3	1.6	15.1	0.9	0.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	4.9
Textiles	2.6	2.9	3.9	1.3	2.1	2.4	5.8	4.1	4.1	1.0	1.3	1.4	3.8	2.0	1.4
Apparel	6.7	1.5	5.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	20.6	12.9	9.7	1.0	0.2	0.7	17.9	11.6	8.0
Paper & Allied Prod.	2.3	3.5	4.6	0.2	0.5	1.4	9.2	9.0	9.5	1.1	0.7	1.2	7.3	6.8	7.7
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	2.3	3.7	3.1	1.5	2.5	2.1	2.2	3.2	8.6	1.4	1.9	1.2	0.3	0.6	5.5
Jewelry & Silverware	1.3	4.4	1.4	0.7	3.6	1.0	6.7	4.9	6.0	0.9	1.5	1.3	4.9	2.3	3.9
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	1.4	2.3	3.8	1.1	1.6	3.1	18.9	2.4	11.1	0.6	1.5	2.1	17.9	0.5	8.4

RATES FOR DECEMBER 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR NOVEMBER 1981 AND DECEMBER 1980 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

* * INCLUDES: PRINTING AND PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	388.1	402.2	391.6	− 14,100	− 3500
MANUFACTURING	119.9	123.0	126.8	− 3,100	− 6,900
NONMANUFACTURING	268.2	279.2	264.8	− 11,000	+ 3,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	9.9	12.6	9.6	− 2,700	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.9	13.3	12.8	− 400	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.7	83.9	78.6	− 5,200	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.9	21.1	20.7	− 200	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	87.7	90.0	84.6	− 2,300	+ 3,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.1	58.3	58.5	− 200	− 400

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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curred in Construction, Services, and Retail Trade. The January estimate of 268,200 indicates a reduction of 11,000 jobs from December, but was 3,400 higher than the total reported a year ago.

The end of the holiday season resulted in the usual large decrease in Trade employment (almost exclusively in Retail Trade). The mid-January total of 78,700 was down 5,200 in the month but 100 higher than the January 1981 level.

Employment in the Services sector declined by 2,300 jobs to a January level of 87,700, but still showed an increase of 3,100 from last January. Contract Construction jobs declined seasonally by 2,700 to a total of 9,900, but remained 300 above last year's total. The Finance, Insurance and Real Estate at 20,900 was down 200 in the month, but up 200 over the year. Transportation and Public Utilities at 12,900, showed a drop of 400, but a yearly gain of 100 jobs. Government payrolls reported a decline of 200 jobs in January to a total of 58,100 and a yearly loss of 400 jobs.

FACTORY JOBS DECLINE

Manufacturing jobs, at 119,900 declined by 3,100 from December to January and by 6,900 over the year, led by a seasonal cutback of 1,900 Jewelry/Silverware workers. Leather Products dropped 500 jobs over the month, while Textiles and Plastics fell by 200 and 100, respectively. Paper Products declined by 200 while Printing-Publishing gained 100 jobs.

In the Durable Goods sector, Fabricated Metals showed a decrease of 200 jobs in the month; Primary Metals was up 200; Stone, Clay and Glass firms were up 100; Transportation Equipment reported a decrease of 100; and Nonelectric Machinery was down 300 workers from the December level.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries rose 51 cents over the year, while average weekly hours worked declined by 1.9 hours, resulting in a yearly gain in gross average weekly earnings of $7.97, to a mid-January figure of $241.02.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	472.5	471.7	459.5
Unemployment	45.5	36.9	37.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.6	7.8	8.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.7	8.1	7.3

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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3559
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3556
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant. 277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.. 828-6134
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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 900 IN FEBRUARY TO 387,200

Data reported by Rhode Island employers in February show that overall employment declined for the fourth consectuve month. Manufacturing employment decreased by 1,100 jobs since January and is down 8,000 compared to a year ago. Although part of the yearly job loss may be attributable to labor disputes, most of the annual and monthly decrease is indicative of the continuation of poor economic conditions, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Deparment of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate 387,200 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-February. Employment in February declined by 900 jobs compared to January and was 5,500 lower than February 1981.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS UP

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector gained 200 jobs during the month and was up 2,500 jobs over the year. The largest gain of 1,400 jobs in the month and 3,200 in the year was posted by the Services industry. Transportation & Public Utilities, and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate each showed a monthly gain of 100 jobs and showed yearly gains of 100 and 300 workers, respectively. Contract, Construction employment declined by 300 since January

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TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

You as an employer can take a tax credit on wages which you pay to members of certain targeted groups that normally have difficulty finding jobs when you hire them before 1983. The amount of the credit allowable for the tax year is up to 50% of the first $6,000 in wages paid to such workers during their first full year on the job. All private employers engaged in a trade or business can take advantage of the tax credit. The process is a simple one and involves only a single form which you complete. The R. I. Department of Employment Security "vouchers" or certifies the employee which you hire and you claim the tax credit by filing IRS Form 5884 with your Federal income tax return. You must, however, request certification of the eligible worker in writing before he or she starts work. Such a request is sent to the R. I. Job Service office nearest you.

Members of the targeted groups are persons who are:

- --- Handicapped referred by Vocational Rehabilitation or the VA
- --- Economically disadvantaged youths 18 through 24
- --- Vietnam-era veterans who are economically disadvantaged
- --- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients
- --- General Assistance recipients (30 days or longer)
- --- Youth participating in a cooperative education program who are economically disadvantaged
- --- Economically-disadvantaged ex-convicts hired within 5 years of conviction or prison release
- --- CETA/PSE employees who were involuntarily terminated after December 3, 1980
- --- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients (on and after 1/1/82)

For additional information about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program, contact the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on the last page of this Bulletin or call 277-3726. To list your job openings, call the TJTC Job Bank at 277-6950.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . . 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
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WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Total Placements	595	887	1,709
New Applications	2,840	4,894	4,908
New Openings Received	1,139	1,356	2,654

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	% Change Jan.1982
Initial Claims	15,179	15,304	— 0.8
No.of Payments	100,844	106,594	— 5.4
Amount of Payments	$10,650,954	$10,887,821	— 2.2
Exhaustions	1,786	1,671	+ 6.9

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below: Program triggered "on" effective week beginning January 24, 1982. First week for which payments could be made was week ending January 30, 1982.

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982
Initial Claims	2,537	3,798
No. of Payments	14,789	16
Amt. of Payments	$1,625,053	$1,800

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	475.9	472.5	471.5
Unemployment	48.8	45.5	39.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.3	9.6	8.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	8.9	8.7	7.2

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	469.0	476.5	463.3
Unemployment	45.3	36.4	36.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.7	7.6	7.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

*N.A. denotes not available

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1982	Dec 1981	Jan. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	31,130	31,540	30,435
Unemployment	2,340	1,935	2,250
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	6.1	7.4

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	13,580	15,735	13,685
Unemployment	1,095	1,150	1,140
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	7.3	8.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 15-19, 1982

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	27,191	100.0
Men	16,620	61.1
Under 45	11,874	71.4
45 and over	4,746	28.6
Women	10,571	38.9
Under 45	6,725	63.6
45 and over	3,846	36.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,737	13.7
Manufacturing	12,178	44.8
Public Utilities	983	3.6
Trade	2,947	10.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	485	1.8
Service	2,822	10.4
All Other	4,039	14.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,574	9.5
Clerical and Sales	3,500	12.9
Service	1,937	7.1
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	844	3.1
Processing	1,245	4.6
Machine Trades	3,487	12.8
Bench Work	4,718	17.4
Structural Work	4,248	15.6
Miscellaneous	2,823	10.4
Not Available	1.815	6.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Total Employment*	387.2	388.1	392.7	− 900	− 5500
Manufacturing	118.8	119.9	126.8	− 1100	− 8000
Nonmanufacturing	268.4	268.2	265.9	+ 200	+ 2500
Contract Construction	9.6	9.9	9.5	− 300	+ 100
Transportation & Public Utilities	13.0	12.9	12.7	+ 100	+ 300
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	77.9	78.7	78.4	− 800	− 500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	21.0	20.9	20.7	+ 100	+ 300
Service (Miscellaneous)	89.1	87.7	85.9	+ 1400	+ 3200
Government (Fed. State & Local)	57.8	58.1	58.7	− 300	− 900

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.8	119.9	126.8	− 1100	− 8000	$249.48	$235.82	38.8	39.7	$6.43	$5.94
DURABLE GOODS	52.2	52.7	56.5	− 500	− 4300	280.92	269.21	39.4	41.1	7.13	6.55
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.3	0	+ 400	242.32	219.52	38.1	39.2	6.36	5.60
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	− 300	311.85	316.68	38.5	43.5	8.10	7.28
PRIMARY METALS	7.2†	7.3†	8.2	− 100	− 1000	303.14	297.62	41.3	45.3	7.34	6.57
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.6	9.4	− 200	0	229.15	225.20	37.2	38.3	6.16	5.88
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.8†	6.8†	9.3	0	− 2500	328.35	321.56	39.8	42.2	8.25	7.62
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.9	11.0	11.1	− 100	− 200	236.39	218.86	38.5	38.6	6.14	5.67
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.8	7.8	8.5	0	− 700	346.83	301.49	40.9	41.7	8.48	7.23
INSTRUMENTS	5.1	5.2	5.1	− 100	0	268.80	252.35	40.0	40.9	6.72	6.17
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.6	67.2	70.3	− 600	− 3700	227.33	210.14	38.4	38.7	5.92	5.43
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.4	0	− 300	209.00	223.17	38.0	34.6	5.50	6.45
TEXTILES	11.6	11.8	12.0	− 200	− 400	239.10	220.70	41.8	41.8	5.72	5.28
APPAREL	3.4	3.3	3.7	+ 100	− 300	215.74	210.91	40.1	41.6	5.38	5.07
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.7	− 100	− 300	235.42	235.98	39.5	41.4	5.96	5.70
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.8	5.7	− 100	0	302.51	273.80	35.8	36.9	8.45	7.42
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	− 100	322.65	296.72	39.3	39.3	8.21	7.55
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0	277.31	257.51	41.7	41.4	6.65	6.22
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.2	5.0	− 100	+ 100	252.46	235.39	40.2	40.1	6.28	5.87
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.9	0	− 400	160.01	157.13	33.9	37.5	4.72	4.19
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.8	23.0	24.6	− 200	− 1800	195.78	178.49	36.8	36.5	5.32	4.89
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.6	5.8	0	− 200	227.48	198.14	37.6	38.4	6.05	5.16

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but was up by 100 jobs from last year. Government payrolls registered a loss of 300 in the month and 900 over the year. Trade (Wholesale & Retail) experienced the most severe downturn, losing 800 jobs in the month and 500 from last year.

MANUFACTURING

The number of workers employed in manufacturing industries declined by 1,100 in February to 118,800, or 8,000 below the year ago level. Employment in the Durable Goods sector dropped 500 to 52,200 in February and was down 4,300 over the year. Nondurable Goods jobs decreased 600 to a total of 66,600 for the month and was down 3,700 since last year.

In Durable Goods, Fabricated Metals was down 200 workers for the month, while Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and Instruments each lost 100 jobs. The remaining industries showed no monthly change. The greatest annual declines in Durable Goods occurred in Nonelectric Machinery (–2,500) and Primary Metals (–1,000), where labor disputes are contributing factors. Transportation Equipment (–700) also showed a significant annual decline. The only yearly gain occurred in Lumber/Furniture (+400).

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Textiles and Jewelry/Silverware each recorded monthly losses of 200 jobs, and Paper Products, Printing-Publishing and Plastics Products were down 100 each. Apparel was up 100 jobs for the month and the remaining industries were unchanged. Compared to a year ago, Jewelry/Silverware (–1,800) showed, by far, the largest job loss. Textiles and Leather Products were both down 400 and Food-Beverages, Apparel and Paper Products were each 300 below last year's level. Miscellaneous Manufacturing was down 200, Chemical Products declined 100 and Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products stayed unchanged. The only annual gain in this sector was recorded in Plastics Products (+100).

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for production and related workers in manufacturing establishments rose by 2 cents an hour in the month and by 49 cents over the twelve-month period. Average hours worked was up by 1.2 hours in the month, but declined 0.9 hours during the year. Average weekly earnings in mid-February stood at $249.48, a gain of $8.46 for the month and $13.66 over the year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN MARCH TO 386,900

Overall employment in Rhode Island was down in March – the fifth consecutive monthly decline. Monthly losses in both the Durable Goods (-400) and Nondurable Goods (-100) sectors of the Manufacturing industries more than offset a slight gain of 200 jobs in Nonmanufacturing establishments, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 386,900 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-March, down only 300 from February but 7,400 less than the year ago March total. While part of the annual decline is attributable to labor disputes, most of the job losses are reflective of the continuation of poor economic conditions.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS UP

Total March employment of 268,600 in the nonmanufacturing sector increased seasonally by 200 jobs over the February level and increased by 1,100 jobs over March 1981. The largest gain of 500 jobs was recorded in the Services sector, mostly in the seasonal-sensitive industries such as Recreation/Amusement, Business Services and Landscape Services, as well as in Private Education and the Health Care Field. Overall employment in the Services industries increased by 3,000 in the year.

Wholesale and Retail Trade recorded a loss of 600 jobs compared to February and was down 1,000 jobs over the year.

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WANTED

EMPLOYERS WITH SUMMER JOBS

The 14th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for needy students 16 to 21 years of age is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary goal of the effort is to find summer jobs for students 16 – 21 with the emphasis on placing the most needy first.

Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1982 summer job openings with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Last year's campaign resulted in over 900 jobs for young people in the private sector alone.

DES recruits young applicants through schools, community action programs, minority organizations and all local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service. Students are encouraged to visit their local Job Service office for registration and placement.

Job orders for summer workers and for permanent additions to your workforce can be placed with the Job Bank or by calling the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service. A listing appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending March 31, 1982, must be filed by April 30, 1982, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . 245-9300
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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
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Professional & Sales 277-3579
Clerical 277-3584
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction. 277-3556
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant 277-3559
Temporary Help 277-3559
Employer Services 277-3573
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
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TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	March 1981
Total Placements	774	595	2,218
New Applications	5,333	2,840	5,642
New Openings Received	1,674	1,139	2,932

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	% Change from Feb.
Initial Claims	12,904	15,179	— 15.0
No. of Payments	113,673	100,844	+ 12.7
Amount of Payments	$12,008,963	$10,650,954	+ 12.8
Exhaustions	2,250	1,786	+ 26.0

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	% Change from Feb.
Initial Claims	2,331	2,537	— 8.1
No. of Payments	24,111	14,789	+ 63.0
Amt. of Payments	$2,550,949	$1,625,053	+ 57.0

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	March 1981
Civilian Labor Force	473.5	475.9	472.6
Unemployment	48.6	48.8	38.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.3	10.3	8.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.7	8.9	7.6

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	471.3	469.0	467.6
Unemployment	48.7	45.3	38.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.3	9.7	8.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	NA	NA	NA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	31,580	31,130	30,775
Unemployment	2,580	2,340	2,485
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.2	7.5	8.1

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	13,620	13,580	13,720
Unemployment	1,185	1,095	1,250
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.7	8.1	9.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	* Mar. 1981	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	386.9	387.2	394.3	− 300	− 7400
MANUFACTURING	118.3	118.8	126.8	− 500	− 8500
NONMANUFACTURING	268.6	268.4	267.5	+ 200	− 1100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	9.8	9.6	9.9	+ 200	− 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.0	13.0	12.8	0	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	77.3	77.9	78.3	− 600	− 1000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	21.0	20.8	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	89.6	89.1	86.6	+ 500	+ 3000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.8	59.1	0	− 1300

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	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.3	118.8	126.8	− 500	− 8500	$252.72	$237.80	39.0	39.7	$6.48	$5.99
DURABLE GOODS	51.8	52.2	56.9	− 400	− 5100	283.42	269.28	39.2	40.8	7.23	6.60
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 300	246.18	224.65	37.7	38.6	6.53	5.82
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.3	2.6	− 100	− 400	300.58	318.69	38.0	43.3	7.91	7.36
PRIMARY METALS	7.1†	7.2†	8.2	− 100	− 1100	298.39	296.12	41.1	44.0	7.26	6.73
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.4	9.5	− 200	− 300	234.25	227.92	37.6	38.5	6.23	5.92
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.7†	6.8†	9.3	− 100	− 2600	335.91	326.83	39.8	42.5	8.44	7.69
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.0	10.9	11.3	+ 100	− 300	241.29	217.55	38.3	38.1	6.30	5.71
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.8	7.8	8.6	0	− 800	348.87	290.80	40.1	40.9	8.70	7.11
INSTRUMENTS	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 100	267.18	254.41	39.7	41.1	6.73	6.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.5	66.6	69.9	− 100	− 3400	230.29	213.01	38.9	38.8	5.92	5.49
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	3.1	3.1	− 300	− 300	230.47	237.18	38.8	35.4	5.94	6.70
TEXTILES	11.5	11.6	12.0	− 100	− 500	235.41	221.87	41.3	42.1	5.70	5.27
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	− 300	215.46	208.59	39.9	40.9	5.40	5.10
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	− 300	246.44	226.49	40.6	40.3	6.07	5.62
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.7	5.8	+ 200	+ 100	306.25	278.94	36.2	36.8	8.46	7.58
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 100	+ 100	320.69	306.50	39.3	39.6	8.16	7.74
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 100	+ 100	288.58	257.71	43.2	41.3	6.68	6.24
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.1	4.9	− 100	+ 100	252.00	234.99	40.0	40.1	6.30	5.86
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.9	− 100	− 500	176.06	164.69	37.7	38.3	4.67	4.30
JEWELRY¥ SILVERWARE	22.7	22.8	24.6	− 100	− 1900	198.68	182.66	37.7	36.9	5.27	4.95
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.6	5.8	+ 200	0	224.37	200.55	37.9	38.2	5.92	5.25

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Contract Construction reported a seasonal gain of 200 jobs in the month while remaining down 100 jobs from a year ago. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment gained 100 jobs in the month and 300 jobs over March 1981. Government payrolls, down 1,300 jobs over the year, and Transportation and Utilities, up 200 jobs over the year, showed no change in the month.

FACTORY JOBS DECLINE

Rhode Island manufacturing industries remained depressed, recording 118,300 jobs in mid-March, a drop of 500 from the mid-February total and down 8,500 jobs from the level of a year ago. This represents the lowest March employment total in the manufacturing sector since 1975.

The Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods sectors experienced losses of 400 and 100 jobs, respectively, from last month's employment and were down significantly by 5,100 and 3,400 jobs, respectively, compared to March 1981 levels.

Durable Goods recorded monthly and yearly employment losses in the following segments: Stone, Clay and Glass declined 100 jobs in the month and 400 over the year, Fabricated Metals was down 200 since February and 300 since last year, Primary Metals lost 100 jobs in the month and 1,100 over the year and Nonelectric Machinery was down 100 in March and 2,600 since March of last year. Part of the annual decline in the latter two segments is the result of labor disputes in these industries. Electrical Machinery gained 100 jobs in the month, but was down 300 jobs from a year ago. Lumber/Furniture and Instruments, unchanged since last month, posted gains of 300 and 100 jobs, respectively, over a year ago, while Transportation Equipment, also unchanged in the month, lost 800 jobs since last March.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Apparel and Paper Products showed no employment changes in the month, but each industry lost 300 jobs compared to a year ago. Food and Beverages declined by 300 jobs both over the month and since last March. Textiles, Plastic Products, Leather Products and Jewelry/Silverware all lost 100 jobs over the month with Jewelry/Silverware (-1,900), Leather Products (-500) and Textiles (-500) recording significant employment loss over the year. Printing/ Publishing and Miscallaneous Manufacturing gained 200 jobs each in the month, with the former up 100 since last year and the latter unchanged from the March 1981 level. Chemical Products and Rubber Products employment increased by 100 jobs each over the month and a year ago levels.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's manufacturing production and related workforce rose by 5 cents an hour in the month and by 49 cents over the year. Average weekly hours worked or paid increased 0.2 hours for the month but declined by 0.7 hours from a year ago. Average weekly earnings for these workers rose $3.24 over the month and $14.92 since March 1981.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE TO 387,200 IN APRIL

Total employment in Rhode Island increased slightly in April - the first monthly gain since September of last year. Seasonal hiring in the Construction, Trade, and Services industries was more than enough to offset a reduction in factory employment, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate 387,200 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-April. This represents an increase of 300 jobs over the month; however, the yearly comparison reveals a loss of 12,800 jobs. The April total is the lowest since 1977.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS GAIN

Analysis of current data indicate there were 2,100 more workers employed in nonmanufacturing industries in April than in March. The current figure of 287,200 is 2,100 below last April's level.

Construction jobs showed a somewhat smaller than normal seasonal increase but still added 1,400 jobs overall in April to reach 11,200, slightly under the level reported last year.

The Trades sector showed a growth of 1,000 jobs over the month to a level of 78,300 in mid-April, down, however, 2,300 over last year's level. Nearly all of the monthly employment increase was centered in the seasonally-sensitive eating and drinking establishments segment.

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SUMMER JOBS NEEDED

Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, urges Rhode Island employers to list their 1982 summer job openings with the Department's Job Bank as soon as possible.

Thousands of young people from high school and college classrooms will be seeking jobs to help finance their continuing education in the fall. For many of these young people the opportunity to further their education heavily depends on their ability to finance it through summer employment.

Work experience this summer will provide these potential members of Rhode Island's work force an understanding and an awareness of the world of work. This experience will enable them to become better job candidates in the future.

You can place your orders for summer jobs by calling the Job Bank at 277-3588. Employers outside the Providence metropolitan area can call toll-free Enterprise 2265. A complete listing of the Rhode Island Job Service offices is on page two of this Bulletin.

Rhode Island's young workers thank you!

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	APRIL 1982	MARCH 1982	APRIL 1981
Total Placements	1,044	774	2,012
New Applications	4,563	5,333	4,797
New Openings Received	1,847	1,674	2,960

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	APRIL 1982	MARCH 1982	%CHANGE MAR.1982
Initial Claims	14,702	12,904	+ 13.9
No. of Payments	102,596	113,673	- 9.7
Amt.of Payments	$10,516,958	$12,008,963	- 12.4
Exhaustions	2,454	2,250	+ 9.1

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	APRIL 1982	MARCH 1982	% CHANGE MAR.1982
Initial Claims	2,139	2,331	— 8.2
No. of Payments	23,553	24,111	— 2.3
Amount of Payments	$2,500,495	$2,550,949	— 2.0

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	April 1982	March 1982	April 1981
Civilian Labor Force	470.6	473.5	477.5
Unemployment	46.8	48.6	36.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.9	10.3	7.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.8	9.7	7.6

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	March 1981
Civilian Labor Force	468.3	471.3	462.6
Unemployment	47.9	48.7	37.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.2	10.3	8.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	INA	INA	INA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	March 1981
Civilian Labor Force	31,760	31,580	31,000
Unemployment	2,395	2,580	2,345
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	8.2	7.6

Western Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	March 1982	Feb. 1982	March 1981
Civilian Labor Force	13,640	13,620	13,665
Unemployment	1,165	1,185	1,125
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.5	8.7	8.2

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	387.2	386.9	400.0	+ 300	— 12,800
MANUFACTURING	116.5	118.3	127.2	— 1,800	— 10,700
NONMANUFACTURING	270.7	268.6	272.8	+ 2,100	— 2,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.2	9.8	11.4	+ 1,400	— 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.0	13.0	13.1	0	— 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.3	77.3	80.6	+ 1,000	— 2,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	21.1	20.9	0	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	90.2	89.6	88.0	+ 600	+ 2,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.9	57.8	58.8	— 900	— 1,900

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	116.5	118.3	127.2	-1800	-10700	$255.45	$234.00	39.0	39.0	$6.55	$6.00
DURABLE GOODS	51.2	51.8	57.0	- 600	- 5800	281.97	264.14	39.0	39.9	7.23	6.62
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.7	2.4	- 100	+ 200	246.19	219.37	36.8	36.2	6.69	6.06
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.9	0	- 700	321.20	301.43	40.0	40.9	8.03	7.37
PRIMARY METALS	6.9	7.1*	8.2	- 200	- 1300	302.00	298.32	41.2	44.0	7.33	6.78
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.2	9.5	0	- 300	237.12	222.81	37.4	37.7	6.34	5.91
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.8*	6.7*	9.1	+ 100	- 2300	341.30	320.49	40.2	41.3	8.49	7.76
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.9	11.0	11.3	- 100	- 400	239.53	211.30	37.9	37.2	6.32	5.68
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.8	7.8	8.5	0	- 700	326.63	284.89	39.4	39.9	8.29	7.14
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	5.1	5.1	- 300	- 300	268.21	251.54	39.5	40.9	6.79	6.15
NONDURABLE GOODS	65.3	66.5	70.2	-1200	- 4900	234.78	210.27	39.0	38.3	6.02	5.49
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 200	249.76	247.23	37.9	36.9	6.59	6.70
TEXTILES	11.5	11.5	12.2	0	- 700	232.15	222.39	40.8	42.2	5.69	5.27
APPAREL	3.1	3.4	3.7	- 300	- 600	217.74	185.47	40.1	36.8	5.43	5.04
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.9	0	- 500	251.93	215.28	42.2	39.0	5.97	5.52
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 100	320.02	279.24	35.4	35.8	9.04	7.80
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 100	0	327.06	303.11	39.5	37.1	8.28	8.17
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	297.91	252.10	44.2	41.6	6.74	6.06
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 100	252.73	231.66	39.8	39.6	6.35	5.85
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.9	+ 100	- 400	176.87	160.39	38.2	37.3	4.63	4.30
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.8	22.7	24.5	- 900	- 2700	201.17	181.42	38.1	36.8	5.28	4.93
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 100	232.50	198.68	37.5	37.7	6.20	5.27

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A monthly gain of 600 jobs was posted by firms in the Services sector, occurring mostly in seasonal industries such as Nurseries and Landscaping Services, Amusement and Recreation facilities, Personal Services, Hotels/Motels and Theaters. These gains more than compensated for losses in Private Education (non-faculty and student workers during Easter vacation week), and Business Services. The mid-April employment level in Services stands at 90,200 - an increase of 2,200 jobs over the year.

The Transportation and Public Utilities and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sectors remained even with last month's employment levels at 13,000 and 21,900, respectively. Government payrolls declined by 900 jobs over the month, to a level of 56,900 in April . All losses were in the Local Education segment where non-faculty workers were out for the Easter vacation week. The current government employment level is 1,900 jobs below last year's figure.

MANUFACTURING

The number of workers employed in manufacturing industries in Rhode Island declined by 1,800 in April to 116,500, or 10,700 below the year ago level. It is also the lowest April manufacturing total since the recession year of 1975. Employment in the Durable Goods sector dropped by 600 to 51,200 jobs - down 5,800 over the year. Slightly more than one-fourth of the yearly decline is attributable to an on-going labor dispute. Nondurable Goods industries declined by 1,200 in the month to 65,300, down 4,900 over last year's figure.

In Durable Goods, Instruments was down 300 jobs to 4,800 and Primary Metals lost 200 to a level of 6,900. Electrical Machinery and Lumber/Furniture manufacturers each showed declines of 100 workers, to 10,900 and 2,600, respectively. Firms in Nonelectrical Machinery reported a gain of 100 jobs, to reach 6,800, while all other segments remained even over the month.

In Nondurable Goods, Jewelry/Silverware manufacturing establishments showed overall losses of 900 jobs to a level of 21,800 in mid-April - the lowest April total since 1971. Employment in Apparel firms declined by 300 over the month to 3,100 workers, and Chemicals showed a decrease of 100 jobs, to 3,100. Leather Products reported the only increase in the Nondurable Goods sector, up 100 workers to 2,500, while all other segments remained even over the month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 7 cents over the month to $6.55 an hour, up 55 cents over the year. Average weekly hours worked, at 39.0 hours, were unchanged from last month and the year ago figure. Resulting average weekly earnings for these workers rose $2.73 in the month and showed a $21.45 yearly gain.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE TO 391,000 IN MAY

Overall, Rhode Island employment increased 3,800 jobs in May due primarily to seasonal hiring in the Trade and Service sectors. Manufacturing employment continued to decline – for the eighth consecutive month – losing 300 jobs in the April to May period, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate 391,000 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid–May. This represents an increase of 3,800 jobs over the April figure, but on an annual comparison, May employment remained 12,100 jobs below the year ago employment level of 403,100.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector increased seasonally by 4,100 jobs over the April level to 274,800 in May, still, however, 1,200 below the year ago figure. The largest monthly gains occurred in the Trade and Service sectors, both of which added 1,400 jobs in the April to May period. In particular, the growth was centered in the more seasonally sensitive areas, such as restaurants, amusement and recreation facilities, hotels and motels and landscaping services. Compared to a year ago, the current Trade employment of 79,700 is down by 2,000 jobs while Service employment, at a record high 91,600, is up by 2,300.

Construction employment showed a smaller than normal seasonal gain, adding 300 jobs to reach a total of 11,500 in May. This total is 600 fewer than the year ago level.

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OPENINGS WANTED FOR 1982 GRADUATES

Department of Employment Security Director, Mary C. Hackett, urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to consider hiring 1982 graduates of colleges, business and vocational schools and high schools who are seeking their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy and are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The twelve local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, skills, aptitudes and interests in matching the job seeker to the needs of the employer.

Employers are reminded that they can file job orders with the Job Bank by telephoning 277-3588 or the toll-free Enterprise 2265 number. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the local Job Service office. A listing appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . . 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Professional & Sales 277-3579
Clerical 277-3584
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction. 277-3556
Hotel, Hospital, Household & Restaurant 277-3559
Temporary Help 277-3559
Employer Services 277-3573
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Total Placements	1,397	1,044	1,997
New Applications	3,787	4,563	4,712
New Openings Received	2,461	1,847	2,864

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1982	April 1982	% Change Apr.1982
Initial Claims	10,288	14,702	- 30.0
No. of Payments	80,051	102,596	-- 22.0
Amt.of Payments	$8,279,358	$10,516,958	- 21.3
Exhaustions	1,996	2,454	- 18.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	May 1982	April 1982	% Change Apr.1982
Initial Claims	2,021	2,139	- 5.5
No. of Payments	17,081	23,553	- 27.5
Amount of Payments	$1,794,054	$2,500,495	- 28.3

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	471.6	470.6	477.4
Unemployment	43.6	46.8	33.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.2	9.9	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.9	9.8	7.5

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	April 1982	March 1982	April 1981
Civilian Labor Force	464.6	468.3	470.9
Unemployment	47.6	47.9	36.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.2	10.2	7.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	INA	INA	INA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	April 1982	March 1982	April 1981
Civilian Labor Force	32,295	31,760	32,025
Unemployment	2,030	2,395	2,095
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	7.5	6.5

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	April 1982	March 1982	April 1981
Civilian Labor Force	13,845	13,640	13,850
Unemployment	1,050	1,165	1,005
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	8.5	7.3

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

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Bristol

Johnston

New Shoreham

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1981	Apr. 1982	May 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	391.0	387.2	403.1	+ 3,800	- 12,100
MANUFACTURING	116.2	116.5	127.1	- 300	- 10,900
NONMANUFACTURING	274.8	270.7	276.0	+ 4,100	- 1,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.5	11.2	12.1	+ 300	- 600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.0	13.2	+ 400	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.7	78.3	81.7	+ 1,400	- 2,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	21.1	21.0	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.6	90.2	89.3	+ 1,400	+ 2,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.5	56.9	58.7	+ 600	- 1,200

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	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1981	Apr. 1982	May 1981	May 1982	May 1981	May 1982	May 1981	May 1982	May 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	116.2	116.5	127.1	-300	-10900	$257.94	$240.19	39.2	39.7	$6.58	$6.05
DURABLE GOODS	50.9	51.2	56.7	-300	- 5800	290.77	271.61	39.4	40.6	7.38	6.69
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.5	2.6	2.3	-100	+ 200	252.45	207.20	36.8	35.0	6.86	5.92
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.9	0	- 700	315.19	317.22	39.3	43.1	8.02	7.36
PRIMARY METALS	6.9	6.9	8.1	0	- 1200	304.79	306.67	41.3	44.9	7.38	6.83
FABRICATED METALS	9.1*	9.2	9.5	-100	- 400	236.59	227.33	37.2	38.4	6.36	5.92
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.9*	6.8*	9.1	+100	- 2200	336.26	334.84	39.1	42.6	8.60	7.86
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.6	10.9	11.3	-300	- 700	243.43	223.27	37.8	38.1	6.44	5.86
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.9	7.8	8.4	+100	- 500	367.59	287.52	42.3	40.1	8.69	7.17
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	5.1	0	- 300	275.00	260.99	40.5	41.1	6.79	6.35
NONDURABLE GOODS	65.3	65.3	70.4	0	- 5100	232.83	216.22	39.0	39.1	5.97	5.53
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.8	3.1	+100	- 200	250.50	263.19	37.5	39.4	6.68	6.68
TEXTILES	11.3	11.5	12.1*	-200	- 800	233.13	226.84	40.9	42.4	5.70	5.35
APPAREL	3.0	3.1	3.6	-100	- 600	216.68	203.20	40.2	40.0	5.39	5.08
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.9	+100	- 400	244.96	239.95	41.1	41.3	5.96	5.81
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.9	5.8	-100	0	303.10	279.38	35.0	37.3	8.66	7.49
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	326.38	314.70	39.9	38.9	8.18	8.09
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.2	0	+ 200	295.61	258.34	43.6	41.4	6.78	6.24
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	5.0	5.0	-100	- 100	255.44	236.78	40.1	40.2	6.37	5.89
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.5	3.0	+100	- 400	181.72	160.82	38.5	38.2	4.72	4.21
JEWELRY SILVERWARE	22.0	21.8	24.7	+200	- 2700	201.60	186.12	38.4	37.6	5.25	4.95
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 100	228.98	194.38	37.6	36.4	6.09	5.34

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Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 400 in May, reflecting for the most part, the return to work of school bus drivers who were not on the payroll during the April reporting period due to Easter school vacations. The current employment total in this sector, at 13,400, is 200 above the May 1981 level. Government employment also showed a monthly increase due to the effect of the return to work of nonfaculty personnel who had been out due to school vacation closings in April. Overall, Government employment was up 600 in May to a total of 57,500, but was down 1,200 compared to last May.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment remained even for the month at 21,100 jobs — 100 above the year ago level.

MANUFACTURING

The May survey indicates employment of 116,200 in Rhode Island manufacturing establishments, a decrease of 300 jobs from the previous month and 10,900 below the figure reported one year ago.

The Durable Goods sector accounted for the 300 monthly job loss and was also down 5,800 over the year. Within this sector, Electrical Machinery showed the largest monthly loss of 300 jobs and was also down 700 from last May. Lumber/Furniture and Fabricated Metals (labor dispute) each dropped by 100 in employment over the month, with the former remaining 200 above the year ago level and the latter down 400 for the year. Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals and Instruments were unchanged over the month but down 700, 1,200 and 300, respectively, since last year. Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment were both up 100 for the month but down from a year ago. Most of the annual decline in the Nonelectrical Machinery segment is due to an ongoing labor dispute in that industry.

As a whole, employment in the Nondurable Goods sector was unchanged from the previous month but down 5,100 from May 1981. Within this sector monthly losses occurred in Textiles (-200), and Apparel, Plastics Products and Printing-Publishing (-100 each), Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were stable over the month while Food-Beverages, Paper Products and Leather Products (+100 each) and Jewelry-Silverware (+200) all posted monthly gains. Compared to last May, Rubber Products (+20) showed the only increase. Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products were unchanged and the remaining Nondurable industries all showed annual losses, with the greatest decreases observed in Jewelry-Silverware (-2,700) and Textiles (-800).

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 3 cents over the month to $6.58 an hour and was 53 cents higher than May 1981. Average weekly hours worked gained 0.2 hours in the month and lost 0.5 hours over a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these workers increased $2.49 over the month to $257.94 a week — up $17.75 from a year ago.

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